

*The warm rays of the summer sun, and the perennial ocean waves go directly to my brain
Yet even as these days unfold, I count until the children's school begins again
But the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer; with its' 99 degree plus heat
Gives me heartburn from too many 4th of July picnics, and some coolness would be hard to beat*

*One last Labor Day hurrah finally ushers out the humidity and the old dog days
And brings in sweater weather, Monday night football, and autumns colorful cosmic rays
Already a cornucopia of holiday gift catalogues arrive non-stop to see
With joyous thoughts of Ho-Ho-Ho, mistletoe, and Grandma's long forgotten home indeed*

*We won the Homecoming game this year - but the tailgate was the reason to be
And each time the fireworks boomed, more brittle leaves fell off the trees
Then we fell back... to hayrides, bonfires, and Halloween's ghostly delight
And while carving the Jack-O-Lantern... I thought of some snow and the peace and quiet of Christmas Eve night*

*Then it frosted hard for the first time, and I saw my breath for real
And while scraping a layer of ice off the car, could hardly contain my zeal
Then instantly the aroma of Thanksgiving Day made me burst out singing a carol or two
And the Christ Child laying quietly in the manger, brought tears of joy and thoughts of you*

*As always, it happened so quick with Handel's Messiah trumpeting over the FM air
Power shopping, greeting cards, advent wreaths and decorations along the thoroughfares
Christmas tree farms, pageants, cookies, Old St. Nick, twinkling lights, ornaments and tinsel too
All of this... The Messiah... Peace on Earth, and much, much, more... gets me tangled up in Yule!*